

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

at the

43rd ANNUAL MEETING

OF DELEGATES

of the

SASKATCHEWAN WHEAT POOL

NOVEMBER 7th to 18th

1967



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Saskatchewan Wheat Pool**



The 43rd Annual Meeting of Saskatchewan Wheat Pool delegates was held from November 7th to November 18th, 1967.

The delegates reviewed operations for 1966-67, the report of the Board of Directors, and discussed matters of interest to Saskatchewan agriculture.

One hundred forty-nine resolutions were submitted to the delegates by the Resolutions Committee, as a fair and reasonable presentation of the intent and purpose of resolutions received from country and district meetings in 1966-67 to November 7th.

The following resolutions received the approval of the meeting, and are submitted as recommendations to the Board of Directors for 1967-68:

THAT this 43rd Annual Meeting of Saskatchewan Wheat Pool delegates hereby recommends:

POLICY

Contained in Annual Report of Board of Directors

1. WHEREAS the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool is dedicated to the improvement of the social and economic conditions for farmers and their families; and

WHEREAS the Pool is concerned with the need to improve the welfare of the individual farmer; and

WHEREAS there is the need for policies designed to make the agricultural industry more viable and dynamic; and

WHEREAS the Pool recognizes the dangers of upheaval inherent in famine and malnutrition which threaten the peace of the world:

BE IT RESOLVED that the following be approved as Pool policy:

(a) THAT while the Government of Canada has intervened with wheat price support during the current year, your Directors believe increased support is necessary, either through marketing subsidies related to production costs, or income supplements, coupled with a domestic price for wheat related to the price index of goods and services used by farmers.

(b) THAT we continue support of the Wheat Board marketing system and urge

both the Wheat Board and Canada to seek expanding sales of Canadian commercial wheat for export.

(c) THAT we support the Government of Canada in acquiring a new International Wheat Agreement under conditions and prices accepted by the International Wheat Council.

(d) THAT The Canadian Wheat Board's jurisdiction be extended to the marketing of rye, flax and rapeseed, with a producer plebiscite if necessary, to assure the government of farmer support.

(e) THAT the Saskatchewan crop insurance plan be extended to enable more farmers to participate, and more grains to be included for coverage.

(f) THAT the Saskatchewan Government be urged to take early action to assist cattle herd development in terms of both quality and quantity, with improved credit arrangements as an early requirement.

(g) THAT Saskatchewan Marketing Board legislation be amended to allow for establishment of alternative agencies such as marketing commissions, while retaining adequate powers for producer marketing boards.

(h) THAT the Saskatchewan Government be urged to act as soon as possible, on the Pool's recommendation to undertake a study of land tenure and transfer.

(i) THAT we work closely with the Saskatchewan Government's committee to co-ordinate farm management services, to ensure that required services are provided and quality standards maintained.

(j) THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool extend every effort in concert with other co-operatives, to meet the need for improved facilities and services in the agricultural industry.

(k) THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool continue to support the research required to improve understanding of the complex problems of farming and farmers, and to find solutions to these problems.

(l) THAT the new Canadian Transport Commission be urged to conduct proper costing inquiries and hearings on a regional

basis, to assure that all interested parties are heard, and that a rational rail service for Western Canada is developed.

(m) THAT we impress on the Government of Canada that certain recommendations of the Carter Royal Commission on Taxation, if implemented without amendment, would create undue hardship for farmers in Western Canada, and would seriously disrupt the operation of co-operatives.

(n) THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool continue to press to have Canadian labour legislation changed to prevent disruption of unrelated Canadian economic activities through work stoppages in major service industries. Some form of labour management court may be required.

(o) THAT we continue to urge support for programs which attempt to avert hunger and famine throughout the world, and press our Government to increase Canada's food and technical aid programs.

Two-Price System for Wheat

2. WHEREAS grain producers in Western Canada are obliged to sell their produce at prevailing world prices; and

WHEREAS this price has not returned to the producer sufficient buying power to cover the cost of production and give him a standard of living commensurate with that of the average Canadian citizen; and

WHEREAS the Canadian Government to date has supported the principle of cheap food for Canadians inasmuch as it has not subsidized wheat prices, either domestic or export; and

WHEREAS Canadian industry has been protected by trade policies, which has contributed to higher production costs to the grain producers;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool press the Federal Government to guarantee the price of wheat to the producer at not less than \$2.12 per bushel basis No. 1 Northern at the Lakehead on all export wheat, plus an additional \$1.00 per bushel on domestic wheat used for milling purposes and consumed in Canada, which could be charged to the consumer by in-

creasing the price of wheat to the Canadian miller, with proceeds of same to be distributed on a basic quantity of each producer's deliveries; and further, THAT if action is not taken by the Federal Government that we join with other farm organizations to consider further action.

Temporary Wheat Reserves Act

3. THAT the Temporary Wheat Reserves Act be amended to provide that the Government of Canada pay all carrying charges on all wheat in commercial storage as at 31st July each year.

Prairie Grain Advance Payments Act

4. THAT the Prairie Grain Advance Payments Act be amended to increase the rate of cash advances to 70c per bushel for wheat, 45c per bushel for barley and 25c per bushel for oats, to a maximum of \$4,000.

5. THAT the Saskatchewan Pool urge that the Prairie Grain Advance Payments Act be amended to include rapeseed for purposes of cash advances.

Allocation of Box Cars at Congested Elevators

6. THAT, in keeping with the intent of the recommendations of the Bracken Commission, out-of-order railway cars for relief of congested elevators be supplied on the basis of applications on hand at the station, and further,

THAT once these demands have been satisfied, the balance of the box cars available be allocated to companies basis the ratio of shipping orders held.

Machinery Co-op.

7. THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool urge The Canadian Wheat Board to provide that members of a machinery co-operative with one quota book have the same privileges as individuals in regard to cash advances, P.F.A.A., and over-delivery permits.

Delivery Quotas

8. THAT the practice of opening or raising delivery quotas at the request of one elevator agent, before there is sufficient space

at the point to handle even one-half of such quota, be immediately stopped.

C.W.B. Over-Deliveries

9. THAT Canadian Wheat Board, Instructions to Trade—No. 13, 1st November 1967, re over-delivery for registered or certified seed, be amended by adding the following to paragraph 4:—"Unless the producer making such over-delivery is in possession of a valid receipt covering the cost of the seed in question."

B. of G.C. Grading of Wheat

10. THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool urge the Board of Grain Commissioners to streamline the grading of wheat.

B. of G.C. Mixing Wheat for Export

11. THAT in order to meet export demand, terminal elevators be allowed to mix different grades of wheat for export, under Board of Grain Commissioners' supervision, when required by The Canadian Wheat Board, and that earnings derived be added to Canadian Wheat Board returns to the producer.

Wheat with High Yielding Ability

12. THAT cerealists be requested to develop a readily distinguishable wheat with higher yielding ability, to broaden the demand for Canadian wheat in world markets.

13. WHEREAS it is desirable that the activities of The Canadian Wheat Board and the Board of Grain Commissioners be closely co-ordinated in matters such as grain grading, quality control, and market potential for new types of grain and similar activities, and

WHEREAS this co-ordination could be more effectively assured if both agencies were responsible to one Minister in the Federal Cabinet;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool request the Prime Minister of Canada to place the Board of Grain Commissioners under the jurisdiction of the Department of Trade and Commerce.

ARDA

14. WHEREAS ARDA now contains programs which relate to the development of the physical resources in agriculture, including agricultural land use, water resource

development, conservation and similar production questions directly related to agriculture, and

WHEREAS the ARDA administration has been placed under the Federal Department of Forestry and Rural Development, from the Federal Department of Agriculture;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, through the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, strongly urge the Federal Government to return to the Federal Department of Agriculture all federal programs within ARDA or any other federal agency that has to do with agricultural land and agricultural water resource development and improvement; and further, THAT existing policies involving earned assistance programs in water conservation and land use be retained by and administered by P.F.R.A.

Tariffs on Wheat

15. THAT representation be made to the Canadian Government to reduce tariffs and trade barriers on products from countries that buy our wheat.

P.F.A.A.

16. THAT the Prairie Farm Assistance Act be replaced by a more adequate crop insurance plan, to be made available to all grain growers.

Farm Credit Corp.

17. THAT provision be made through the Farm Credit Corporation to enable a young man who wishes to start farming, to secure a loan for the purchase of land, without additional security, and further, THAT such loan be interest free for a five-year period.

Farm Improvement Loans Act

18. THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, through the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, oppose any increase in the interest rates charged by lending agencies on loans under the Farm Improvement Loans Act legislation.

Livestock Marketing Board

19. THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool continue to study the feasibility of a livestock marketing board.

Futures Market for Cattle

20. THAT the stand taken by the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool and the Canadian Federation of Agriculture in opposing the futures market for cattle, be approved.

Hog Support Prices

21. THAT the hog support price be increased in line with the present cost of production, and that it be based on a five-year averaging period.

Railways

22. THAT we press for nationalization of the C.P.R. rail facilities.

23. THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool use its influence to assure that public hearings are held by the Canadian Transport Commission before rail line abandonment takes place.

24. THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool consider giving technical and legal assistance to retention committees concerned with branch line abandonment, when requested.

25. THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool protest the need for both railways to build spur lines to serve the same potash mine, rather than arranging running rights.

26. THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool protest to the railway companies the drastic increase in freight and express charges on cream shipments.

27. THAT railway companies be required to see that box cars are in suitable condition for loading when they are spotted.

28. THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool urge railway companies to widen crossings to accommodate modern farm machinery.

Farm Machinery

29. THAT, due to the rising price of machinery, the Federal Government freeze the cost of farm machinery until full investigation has been carried out by the Royal Commission.

30. THAT machinery testing under A.M.A. be re-established and, failing this, that information on the testing now being done by the University of Saskatchewan be made available to farmers.

31. WHEREAS farm machinery is one of

the major costs in agriculture, contributing to ever higher costs of production;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool lend every assistance possible towards acquiring capital for major expansion of Canadian Co-operative Implements Limited, for the co-operative manufacture and distribution of farm machinery.

Income Tax

32. **THAT** income tax exemptions be raised to \$1,500 for a single person, and \$3,000 for married couples.

Canada Pension Plan

33. **THAT** the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool protest the inequities of the Canada Pension Plan to the farm economy, and make representations to the Federal Government to remove or revise the offending sections of the Plan.

34. **THAT**, regardless of income, a person be permitted to make the maximum allowable payment under the Canada Pension Plan.

Estate Taxes

35. **WHEREAS**, due to inflated land values, gift and estate taxes make it virtually impossible for a son or daughter wishing to farm to acquire sufficient land from parents to make an economical farm unit;

BE IT RESOLVED that gift and estate taxes, on farms of a size and capitalization sufficient to support a family, be exempt from these taxes where said farm is being passed directly to heirs for continued family operation of this land.

Taxes

36. **THAT** the cost of financing education at all levels be the responsibility of local, provincial and federal governments.

37. **THAT** the Federal Government allow accelerated depreciation on new grain storage bins built on the farm.

Educational TV

38. **WHEREAS** there are many needs for education for farm people in agricultural technology, community affairs and development, and world affairs, and

WHEREAS the media of TV has great potential for communication and education which has not been fully developed in Canada;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Federal Government be advised of our pleasure at the expanded use of educational television proposed under the new broadcasting bill, and

THAT if an educational television network becomes a reality, consideration be given to needs of farm people that may be met through this media as well as serving other phases of the educational system.

Amalgamation of 3 Pools

39. **THAT** action be taken to promote amalgamation of the three Prairie Wheat Pools.

40. **THAT** the Federal Government be urged to incorporate a Federal Co-operatives Act.

41. **THAT** continued close co-operation with other farm organizations be approved.

Co-op Education

42. **THAT** the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool provide leadership to bring co-operatives together to make representation to the Saskatchewan Department of Education to provide a course for education on the philosophy and practice of co-operatives through our public schools, collegiates and universities.

S.W.P. and F.C.L.

43. **THAT** the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool and Federated Co-operatives Limited meet periodically to consult on matters of mutual interest and concern.

Metric System

44. **THAT** we urge adoption of the metric system.

Churchill

45. **THAT** more use be made of the Churchill terminal.

ARDA

46. **WHEREAS** the ARDA program assists Saskatchewan farmers in the clearing of bush land north of the Qu'Appelle valley only;

BE IT RESOLVED that this program be extended to cover the entire province.

Provincial Government

47. THAT a formula be adopted by the Provincial Government that will fully compensate landowners for land expropriated for public utilities, recognizing full land value and resulting devaluation of the farm unit because of inconvenience.

48. THAT the Provincial Government impose a special tax on non-resident American individuals and corporations, engaged in farm operations in Saskatchewan.

49. THAT the Provincial Government consider setting up regional veterinary laboratories, and if this is not possible, that the present Regina facilities be expanded considerably and consideration be given to operating on a six-day week.

50. THAT insurance covering all losses to agricultural crops caused by wild life be provided free by the Provincial and Federal Governments.

51. THAT the words "Wheat Province" be put on vehicle license plates.

52. THAT the Provincial Government be asked to expand the rat extermination program.

53. THAT a province-wide magpie eradication program be instituted.

54. WHEREAS it is a common practice of many people to litter road allowances with rubbish and glass bottles;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool ask governments to implement legislation which would ensure more effective control.

55. WHEREAS the accuracy and practical value of current weather forecasting leaves much to be desired;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool make a strong appeal to the authoritative bodies to release weather information of more value to the agricultural industry, and that such broadcasts be extended to more radio stations.

ALLOCATION OF SURPLUS EARNINGS:

56. THAT the recommendation of the Board of Directors concerning the allocation

of surplus earnings for the year ended 31st July 1967, in the amount of \$10,187,580, as set out in the Directors' Report, be approved as follows:

1. Grain:

Patronage dividend at the rate of 3.19 cents per bushel to be applied in payment of shares to be allotted to the member pursuant to Article 19 of the Articles of Association of the Company, estimated \$8,171,428

2. Livestock:

Patronage dividend at the rate of 37 cents per head for cattle; 20 cents per head for calves; 8 cents per head for hogs; 9 cents per head for sheep and lambs, to be applied on the purchase of shares allotted to the member pursuant to Article 19 of the Articles of Association of the Company, estimated 165,908

3. Farm Supplies:

Patronage dividend at the rate of 6.25 per cent of sale price to the member to be applied on the purchase of shares allotted to the member pursuant to Article 19 of the Articles of Association of the Company, estimated 784,063

Notwithstanding the foregoing, each member whose shares in excess of one share have heretofore been purchased by the Company, shall be paid his dividend in cash.

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Patronage Dividend—	
estimated	\$ 9,121,399
Provision for Income Tax—	
estimated	640,000
Transfer to Reserve	
Account—estimated	426,181
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Total	\$10,187,580
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57. THAT the recommendation of the Board of Directors concerning livestock patronage dividend loans, viz.—That there be allotted to members with livestock patronage dividend loans standing to their credit, shares of capital stock of the Company not exceeding the number for which payment can be made at the par value of

\$1.00 per share from the amount of such livestock patronage dividends standing to the credit of each of such members; be approved.

58. THAT the Board of Directors give careful consideration to recommending to the next Annual Meeting of Delegates, payment of a cash dividend based on a percentage of shares held by each shareholder.

University of Saskatchewan

59. THAT a grant of \$75,000 per year, for a seven-year period, to the University of Saskatchewan Development Fund be approved, provided that the Board of Directors can assure the membership that traditional academic freedom is being observed.

SECRETARIAL DIVISION

60. THAT the Board of Directors take steps to verify the eligibility of members applying for repayment of equities.

61. THAT the eligible age for repayment of members' equities be reduced each year until it reaches the age of 65, and for veterans the age of 60.

62. THAT five years' equity be retained before revolving equities of corporations.

63. BE IT RESOLVED that the regulations covering powers and duties of delegates, the conduct of the business of Wheat Pool Committees and general meetings of shareholders, the nomination and election of delegates, as passed by the Board of Directors since the Annual Meeting of Delegates in the year 1966 and as are shown on pages 28 to 34 of Saskatchewan Wheat Pool Hand Book No. 1 (revised to the 31st of December 1966), be approved.

64. THAT the Member Relations Division make a study of delegates' election procedures with a view to improving same.

65. THAT the Annual Meeting of Delegates of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool commence on the second Tuesday in November.

66. THAT fraternal delegates from American farm organizations be invited to the next Annual Meeting of Delegates.

67. THAT an evening program similar to the program "Youth Speaks Out", held during the current annual meeting, be arranged for next year.

68. THAT the Board of Directors and the steering committee study the possibility of streamlining the Annual Meeting of Delegates, with a view to saving time.

69. THAT the agenda for the Annual Meeting of Delegates be changed so that the Country and Terminal Elevator Divisions, as well as the Policy Statement, be dealt with prior to the visit of the Minister of Trade and Commerce, Canadian Wheat Board and Board of Grain Commissioners' officials.

70. THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool organize a tour, at cost, for Pool members who wish to attend the official opening of the Saskatchewan Pool terminal at North Vancouver.

71. THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool be asked to encourage the further development of Co-operative Development Association district councils.

72. THAT the Board of Directors be requested to re-assess Saskatchewan Pool membership in the Co-operative Development Association to determine whether the Pool is paying too much for value received.

73. WHEREAS the Farm Accounting Course via television which will be carried by the Yorkton and Brandon stations, appears to provide assistance in an area of need:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture and the CBC be encouraged to have the program made available to additional TV stations.

74. THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, through its field staff and delegates, assist and promote the development of machinery co-operatives on Saskatchewan farms.

75. THAT all Pool members be supplied with plastic membership cards, wallet size.

76. THAT a Committee-member's Hand Book be made available for committee members.

77. THAT provision be made for local chairmen and secretaries to attend courses on a sub-district basis, if requested.

78. THAT the name of "Co-op School" be changed to that of "Youth Leadership Course".

79. THAT Livestock Bulletins be sent to all committee members, when requested.

80. THAT all provincial Pool extension programs, such as annual meeting and winter program material, be prepared and printed by the Extension Division.

81. THAT technical agricultural information be made available to farmers through seasonal distribution from the Extension Division.

82. THAT Saskatchewan Wheat Pool delegates encourage Wheat Pool Committees to take advantage of the sources of information available to them with regard to improved farm practices.

83. THAT every effort be made to rent unneeded space in the new Head Office building to other co-operative organizations.

COUNTRY ELEVATOR DIVISION

84. THAT, in view of the ever-increasing cost in the handling of grain, the Saskatchewan Pool elevator consolidation program be accelerated.

85. THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool conduct research on dockage testing equipment.

86. THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool embark on a more vigorous program of buying and selling malting barley, with a view to increasing deliveries of other grains.

87. THAT adding machines be supplied to all elevators handling over 300,000 bushels.

88. THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool institute a research study on an accident insurance policy based on grain deliveries.

89. THAT agents be encouraged and assisted in preparing reports for local annual meetings.

FARM SERVICE DIVISION

90. THAT the proposed expansion of the Western Co-operative Fertilizers Limited plant, be approved.

91. THAT the packaging of fertilizer be improved, such as the use of plastic-lined bags.

92. THAT the Pool continue to investigate, in conjunction with Federated Co-operatives Limited, the building of feed mills, the handling of livestock feeds and supplements, and veterinary supplies.

93. THAT the Farm Service Division construct seed cleaning plants at selected Farm Service Centres.

94. THAT the Farm Service Division use volume discounts to promote sales.

95. THAT the Cereal Seed Department be thoroughly examined, with a view to reducing handling costs.

96. THAT the Farm Service Division formulate an equitable policy for the purchase of forage seed.

97. THAT the University of Saskatchewan expand its soil testing facilities.

98. THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool sell moisture testers to members at cost.

99. THAT the off-car discount policy allowance on fertilizer be re-instated.

TERMINAL ELEVATOR DIVISION

100. THAT the lease on the National Harbours Board No. 2 terminal be terminated when the new North Vancouver Terminal becomes completely operative.

LIVESTOCK DIVISION

101. THAT government graders check more closely the rail weights of hogs consigned to packing plants.

102. THAT if any livestock market on which Saskatchewan Pool operates is closed on a regular business day, that this fact be well advertised in advance.

103. THAT the establishment of a Saskatchewan Pool livestock sales yard in Ontario be approved.

104. THAT when reporting livestock prices, weight ranges also be included.

105. THAT in order to increase competitive bidding, Saskatchewan Wheat Pool endeavour to have more buyers in attendance at Pool livestock markets.

106. THAT a Provincial Government veterinarian diagnostic clinic be established at North Battleford.

107. THAT everything possible be done to discourage price discrimination against

cross-bred cattle being sold at Pool yards.
108. THAT retention of the horned cattle penalty, be approved.

109. THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool urge the University of Saskatchewan to establish a feed testing service for farmers and ranchers as early as possible.

PRINTING AND PUBLISHING DIVISION

110. THAT The Western Producer be more aggressive in its criticism of provincial and federal governments with regard to their policies on agriculture, co-operatives, trade and rail line abandonment.

111. THAT The Western Producer print more information on livestock breeding and feeding, use of chemicals, fertilizers, machinery, etc.

112. THAT The Western Producer, in publishing the Wheat Board final payments, quote the average elevator prices.

113. THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, through The Western Producer, give strong support to Canadian Co-operative Imple-
ments Limited.

114. THAT The Western Producer head-
line farm problems in an effective manner.

115. WHEREAS it is difficult for people to keep abreast of the actions and reactions of the government with regard to—(a) pre-election promises, and (b) submissions made to government on behalf of farm people, by farm organizations;

BE IT RESOLVED that action taken by government with respect to policies that affect the social and economic welfare of farm families be publicized in a special section of The Western Producer, with direct quotations from Hansard for complete clarity.

116. THAT Yorkton livestock prices be reported in The Western Producer.

PUBLICITY DIVISION

117. THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool supply pens to all members in attendance at annual shareholders' meetings.

